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BILL

For abolishing certain Offices in the Customs in *Ireland*; and for abolishing and regulating certain other Offices therein.

Note.—*The Figures in the Margin denote the Number of the Folios in the written Copy.*

1 WHEREAS certain Offices in His Majesty's Customs, in *Ireland*, hereafter enumerated, which have been usually granted by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *Ireland*, have been found to be unnecessary, and other Offices in the said Customs, which have been also usually granted by like Letters Patent, although the Duties, or some thereof, are necessary or used, have been commonly executed by Deputies appointed by the Patentees respectively; and it is expedient that some of the said Offices should be abolished, and that others should not in future be granted by Letters Patent, and should be abolished, so far as any of the Duties thereof shall appear not to be necessary or useful, or may more properly be discharged by other existing Officers; and that Provision should be made for the Discharge of such Duties, in such Manner as shall be found convenient to the Public Service;

Preamble. Expediency of abolishing certain Offices in the Customs of Ireland, and for regulating others.

May it therefore please Your MAJESTY,

That it may be Enacted; And be it Enacted by the KING's Most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the several Offices in the Customs and Port Duties of *Ireland* hereinafter specified, that is to say, The Office of Customer in the several and respective Ports of *Baltimore*, *Belfast*, *Cork*, *Donaghadee*, *Drogheda*, *Dundalk*, *Galway*, *Killybeggs*, *Kinsale*, 2 *Larne*, *Limerick*, *Londonderry*, *Newry*, *Ross*, *Tralee*, *Waterford*, *Wexford*, *Wicklow*, and *Youghal*; the Office of Searcher, Packer, and Gauger, in the several and respective Ports of *Dublin*, *Belfast*, *Cork*, and *Drogheda*; the Office of Searcher in the several and respective Ports of *Donaghadee*, *Dundalk*, *Galway*, *Kinsale*, *Larne*, *Limerick*, *Londonderry*, *Newry*, *Ross*, *Strangford*, *Waterford*, *Wexford*, and *Youghal*; the Office of Taster of Wines and Surveyor of Outs, and the Office of Surveyor General of *Ireland*,

Certain Offices in the Customs in Ireland shall be abolished as they are, or become vacant.

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ſhall not, nor ſhall any of them, from and after the
be granted to any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever; and that ſuch of the ſaid ſeveral Offices as are vacant ſhall forthwith be, and the ſame are hereby wholly aboliſhed; and that ſuch of them as are not vacant, ſhall hereafter from Time to Time, as the ſame ſhall reſpectively become vacant, be in like Manner aboliſhed; and the ſame are hereby, from and after the reſpective Times when the ſame ſhall reſpectively become vacant as aforeſaid, wholly aboliſhed.

Certain other Offices ſhall not in future be granted by Patent, except under the Proviſions of this Act, and ſhall be aboliſhed or regulated accordingly.

And be it further Enacted, That the ſeveral Offices in the Cuſtoms and Port Duties of *Ireland*, hereinafter ſpecified, that is to ſay, The Office of Comptroller and Accountant General, the Office of Examinator of Cuſtoms, the Office of Craner and Wharfinger in the Port of *Dublin*, the Office of Regiſter General of Shipping for *Ireland*, the Office of Cuſtomer of the Port of *Dublin*, uſually called Cuſtomer and Collector of the Port of *Dublin*, the Office of Clerk of Ship Entries in the Port of *Dublin*, the Office of Clerk of the Coaſt for *Dublin*, the Office of Comptroller of the ſeveral and reſpective Ports of *Dublin*, *Belfaſt*, *Cork*, *Drogheda*, *Dundalk*, *Killybeggs*, 3
Kinſale, *Larne*, *Limerick*, *Londonderry*, *Newry*, *Roſs*, *Sligo*, *Strangford*, *Tralee*, *Waterford*, *Wexford*, *Wicklow*, and *Youghal*, being Offices the Duties whereof are in part uſeful and neceſſary, ſhall not, nor ſhall any of ſuch Offices, from and after the be granted to any Perſon or Perſons, by Patent or otherwiſe, ſave as hereinafter mentioned; and that ſuch of them as are vacant ſhall forthwith be aboliſhed, and the ſame are hereby aboliſhed, ſave as hereinafter provided; and that ſuch of them as are not vacant, ſhall hereafter from Time to Time, as the ſame ſhall reſpectively become vacant, be in like Manner aboliſhed; and the ſame are hereby accordingly, from and after the reſpective Times when the ſame ſhall reſpectively become vacant, aboliſhed, ſave as hereinafter mentioned.

Preſent Officers not compellable to further Duty than they now are.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted, That the Officers before mentioned, nor any of them, ſhall not be compelled to any other Attendance on the Duty of their ſeveral Offices, during the Continuance of the exiſting Grants to them than has heretofore been given: Provided always, that it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Commiſſioners of Cuſtoms and Port Duties in *Ireland*, with the Approbation of the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord High Treaſurer, and of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, to 4
provide for the Execution of ſuch of the Duties of the ſeveral Offices laſt mentioned as ſhall in their Judgment appear to be neceſſary or uſeful, either by appointing (by Inſtrument under their Hands, with the Approbation aforeſaid) proper Perſons to execute, during their Pleaſure, ſuch neceſſary and uſeful Duties of ſo many of the ſaid Offices as are vacant as aforeſaid, and of ſo many of the ſaid Offices as are not vacant, when and as the ſame ſhall reſpectively become vacant; and by conſolidating in one or more Office or Offices, or ſeparating into diſtinct or different Offices, ſuch neceſſary and uſeful Duties reſpectively, and otherwiſe regulating ſuch Offices reſpectively, in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Commiſſioners of Cuſtoms and Port Duties, with the Approbation of the ſaid Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord High Treaſurer, and the Chief Governor of *Ireland* for the Time being, ſhall, in their Judgment, from Time to Time think fit and proper.

Commiſſioners of Cuſtoms, with Approbation of the Treaſury, &c. may provide for the Execution of ſuch Offices as appear neceſſary.

Perſons appointed to execute any of the Offices to be regu-

And be it further Enacted, That all Perſons who ſhall or may before the have been appointed to execute any of the Duties of any of the ſaid ſeveral Offices not wholly aboliſhed by the Proviſions

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visions of this Act, shall, to all Intents and Purposes, have the same Power and Authority to execute and perform such Duties of such Offices respectively as they would have had if this Act had not been made, until such Persons respectively, or some other Person or Persons, shall be appointed to execute such Duties respectively, under the Authority of this Act; and that all Persons who shall or may be appointed to execute any of the Duties of any of such Offices, under the Authority of this Act, shall have the same Powers and Authorities, to all Intents and Purposes, to execute and perform such Duties respectively, as the same Persons respectively would have had if such Persons had been appointed to such Offices respectively before the said according to the Terms of the several Warrants, Commissions, or Instruments, which such Persons so to be appointed shall respectively receive from the said Commissioners of Customs and Port Duties, with the Approbation aforesaid, for executing such Duties respectively.

lated under this Act, may act under such Appointment until such Regulation is made.

And be it further Enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of Customs and Port Duties in *Ireland*, with the Approbation of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Treasurer of *Ireland*, and of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, to appoint such Salaries to be taken and had by the several Persons who shall be appointed by the said Commissioners of Customs and Port Duties to execute any of the Duties of any of the said Offices, not wholly abolished by this Act, as the said Commissioners mentioned, with such Approbation, shall think fit.

Commissioners of Customs, with Consent of Treasury and Lord Lieutenant, may appoint Salaries to Officers appointed under this Act.

And be it further Enacted, That on the absolute Abolition of any Office under the Provisions of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners of Customs and Port Duties in *Ireland* for the Time being, with the Approbation aforesaid, to make such just and reasonable Compensation, as they shall in their Judgment think proper, to the Deputy or Deputies, Clerk or Clerks, or to any other Person or Persons, who on or immediately before the was or were employed in such Office so abolished as aforesaid.

Commissioners of Customs, with like Consent, may make Compensation for Offices abolished.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That when and as often as it shall be found necessary to make a new Appointment under the Authority of this Act, for the Execution of any of the Duties of such of the Offices herein mentioned as shall be requisite to be performed, although the Patents are abolished, the said Commissioners of Customs and Port Duties shall in all such Cases lay an Account of the same before both Houses of Parliament within Days after the beginning of each Session, describing the Office, and the Amount of the Salary which shall be appointed for the same.

Accounts of new Appointments to be laid before Parliament.

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